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## Organization And Mission-Field SPACE COMMAND (SPACECOM)

This regulation sets forth the mission and assigned duties of the SPACECOM, a major command (MAJCOM).

### 1. Mission of the SPACECOM:

**a. Overall Mission.** The SPACECOM mission is to manage and operate assigned space assets, consolidate planning, define requirements, provide operational advocacy, and ensure a close interface between research and development activities and operational users for Air Force space programs. SPACECOM will serve as the Air Force MAJCOM focal point for the strategic defense mission area.

#### **b. Elements and Objectives:**

##### **(1) Space Operations:**

(a) Manage and operate assigned US Air Force space assets supporting operational commanders.

(b) Serve as the Air Force field agency to integrate US Air Force space operations activities.

(c) Serve as the lead MAJCOM for integrated US Air Force long-range space planning to establish needs, priorities, and objectives.

(d) Serve as the lead MAJCOM for overall US Air Force space operations procedures and doctrine.

(e) Develop requirements and advocate needs for assigned space activities.

(f) Provide an interface between research and development activities and users.

(g) Provide inputs to HQ USAF on Planning, Programming, Budgeting System (PPBS) and Program Objective Memorandum (POM) actions for assigned space systems.

(h) Brief the Air Force Board Structure, as required.

(i) Advocate modification of assigned assets and review space system tests, evaluations, and reports to ensure that system operational capabilities meet requirements.

(j) Develop and coordinate on procedures supporting space operations.

(k) Represent the US Air Force when authorized in negotiations between the United States and foreign agencies involving agreements relating to space activities.

(l) Perform other functions as directed by the Chief of Staff, US Air Force (CSAF).

##### **(2) Strategic Defense:**

(a) Manage and operate assigned US Air Force strategic defense assets in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and unilateral requirements.

(b) Manage and operate assigned command, control, and communications assets associated with the strategic defense mission.

(c) Provide air defense requirements, in coordination with Tactical Air Command and on behalf of NORAD and Aerospace Defense Command (ADCOM), to HQ USAF for PPBS and POM actions.

**2. Special Assigned Duties and Instructions.** The Commander, SPACECOM, in fulfillment of responsibilities related to strategic defense, will:

a. Serve as the Ballistic Missile Tactical Warning (TW) and Attack Assessment (AA) System Executive Manager.

b. Be responsible for the TW and AA technical integrity of the Air Force systems elements and the joint system elements identified by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

c. Supervise the System Integration Office.

### **3. Relationship to Other Commands:**

a. SPACECOM is the Air Force component of the specified ADCOM and of the combined NORAD. The commander of SPACECOM also serves as Commander-in-Chief, ADCOM (CINCAD) and Commander-in-Chief, NORAD (CINC NORAD). Operational control of SPACECOM systems is exercised through CINCAD for space systems and through CINC NORAD for the defense of North America.

b. SPACECOM interacts with Air Force Communications Command (AFCC) directly and through the AFCC Space Communications Division which reports administratively through AFCC and operationally through CINCAD and CINC NORAD.

**4. Direct Communication.** Direct communication is authorized between the Commander, SPACECOM, other US Air Force MAJCOMs, CSAF, Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) and other agencies as directed by CSAF and SECAF.

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